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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the

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Respectfully submitted,

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